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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application on the merits, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 17-40 without prejudice.

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Claims 1-16 are now under examination in this application.

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In U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/535,218, which is the parent application of this divisional application, a provisional election was made to elect Claims 17-40 thereby withdrawing from consideration non-elected Claims 1-16. By cancelling herein Claims 17-40, Applicants are now prosecuting Claims 1-16.

It is believed that the application as now presented, containing Claims 1-16, is in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing, early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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